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14. (AMENDED ONCE) An anode of an electrochemical cell, wherein said anode comprises:

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- (i) a first anode active layer comprising lithium metal; and
  - (ii) a multi-layer structure in contact with a surface layer of said first anode active layer, wherein said multi-layer structure comprises three or more layers, wherein at least one of said three or more layers comprises a single ion conducting layer and at least one of said three or more layers comprises a polymer layer.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 29 and continuing to page 26, line 8 with the following:

Examples of sulfur-containing polymers include those described in: U.S. Patent Nos. 5,601,947 and 5,690,702 to Skotheim *et al.*; U.S. Patent No. 5,529,860 and 6,117,590 to Skotheim *et al.*; and U.S. Pat. No. 6,201,100 to Gorkovenko *et al.* and PCT Publication No. WO 99/33130. Other suitable electroactive sulfur-containing materials comprising polysulfide linkages are described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,441,831 to Skotheim *et al.*; U.S. Pat. No. 4,664,991 to Perichaud *et al.*, and in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,723,230, 5,783,330, 5,792,575 and 5,882,819 to Naoi *et al.* Still further examples of electroactive sulfur-containing materials include those comprising disulfide groups as described, for example in, U.S. Pat. No. 4,739,018 to Armand *et al.*; U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,833,048 and 4,917,974, both to De Jonghe *et al.*; U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,162,175 and 5,516,598, both to Visco *et al.*; and U.S. Patent No. 5,324,599 to Oyama *et al.*

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 5-13 with the following:

A variety of separator materials are known in the art. Examples of suitable solid porous separator materials include, but are not limited to, polyolefins, such as for example, polyethylenes and polypropylenes, glass fiber filter papers, and ceramic materials. Further examples of separators and separator materials suitable for use in this invention are those comprising a microporous xerogel layer, for example a microporous pseudo-boehmite layer, which may be provided either as a free standing film or by a direct coating application on one of the electrodes as described in U.S. Pat. No. 6,153,337 and U.S. Pat. No. 6,306,545 by Carlson *et al.* Solid electrolytes and gel electrolytes may also function as a separator in addition to their electrolyte function.